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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 3, 2002
(Paper No. 10), please amend the above-identified patent
application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 1, delete the existing title and replace it
with the following:

--Hybrid Polyketide Synthases and Novel Loading Domains--

Starting at page 29, line 14, delete all of the
paragraphs through page 31, line 3, and replace those paragraphs
with the following:

Brief Description of the Drawings

Some embodiments of the invention will now be described
with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig 1 is a diagram showing the functioning of 6-
deoxyerythronolide B synthase (DEBS), a modular PKS producing 6-
deoxyerythronolide B (6-DEB) a precursor of erythromycin A.